

## **DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR U.S. PATENT APPLICATION**

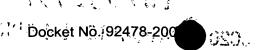
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; and I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Title: <u>FILE MANAGEMENT DEVICE, FILE MANAGEMENT METHOD, FILE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, AND RECORDING MEDIUM</u>					
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above.					
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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 (a-d), §172, or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below, and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:					
COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO. DATE OF FILING		PRIORITY CLAIMED		
Japan	2002-340592		November 25, 2002	YES	
□ Additional foreign or international application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority sheet attached hereto.					
I hereby claim the listed below.	benefit under Title 35,	United States Code	§119(e) of any United State	es Provisional application(s)	
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120 of any United States application(s), or §365(C) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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PCT/JP2003/014968	25 November 2003	Pending

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